

Appl. No.: 10/054,755

Reply to *Ex parte Quayle* Action of January 9, 2007

REMARKS:

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5 were originally filed. Claim 2 was canceled. In the Office Action of January 9, 2007, claims 1 and 3 are allowed, claims 4 and 5 are withdrawn from consideration.

In this Amendment, claims 4 and 5 are canceled, without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file at least one continuing application to pursue any subject matter that is cancelled or removed from prosecution due to the amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in proper form for allowance.

Election/Restrictions

Examiner points out that claims 4 and 5 are directed to non-elected species and requests cancellation of these claims. Applicants cancel claims 4 and 5, without prejudice. Accordingly, this rejection is considered to be moot.

Specification

Examiner objects the disclosure as the specification contains a few minor informalities (*See*, Office Action, page 2, line 12 to page 3, line 6). Applicants amend the specification as requested by Examiner. Accordingly, this objection is considered to be overcome.

Claim Objections

Examiner objects claim 1 as it contains informalities (*See*, Office Action, page 3, lines 9-11). Applicants amend claim 1 as requested by Examiner. Accordingly, this objection is considered to be overcome.

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Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in proper form for allowance.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Goodwin Procter LLP Deposit Account No. 06-0923.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,

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